

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

PHOTOGRAPHER I

POSITION CODE: 32085
Effective: 3-16-88

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under direct supervision, performs beginning level photography work as an apprentice or assistant Photographer; operates still cameras on photographic assignments; operates a copy camera; sets up lights and adjusts aperture, shutter speed, filtration and focus to obtain properly exposed negatives or transparencies; develops and processes film and operates enlarger to make color or black and white prints from developed film; cleans and adjusts equipment; maintains supplies and work records. Positions allocated to this class require an elementary technical knowledge of photographic techniques, equipment and materials for processing film and prints as well as taking photographs, and at this level develop a working knowledge of the subject matter and work practices of the organization.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Transports and sets up camera and lighting equipment; photographs subjects and locations as assigned.
2. Develops skill and proficiency in operating darkroom equipment, including film processors, enlargers, rapid processors and wet chemistries, print and film dryers, slide mounting and sealing equipment, copy cameras and so forth.
3. Receives training and orientation in photographic techniques, subject matter and practices and techniques specific to the work area.
4. Assists with the more responsible shooting assignments, and nonstandard photographic darkroom techniques.
5. Cleans darkroom and performs routine maintenance on photographic equipment.
6. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to the completion of two years of college, including coursework in photography, or equivalent training and technical photographic and darkroom work experience.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities Required

Requires elementary knowledge of photographic techniques and practices.

Requires elementary knowledge of film development, processing, enlarging and printing, and associated equipment operation.

Requires ability to work well with others, establishing effective working relationships.

Requires freedom from sensitivity to photographic chemicals.

Requires visual acuity sufficient to set up and operate optical equipment and inspect completed work products.